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REMARKS

Below, the applicant's comments are preceded by related remarks of the examiner set forth in small bold type.

2. **Claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 10, 13, 14, 17, 19-21, 24-26, 29, 31-35 , 38, and 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Coile (US 6,298,063) in view of Kurdzo (US 6,088,365) and further in view of Ma (US 5,960,201).**

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3. Claims 6, 11, 18, 30, and 40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable the combination Coile, Kurdzo and Ma as applied to claims 1, 7, 14, 26, and 34 above, and further in view of Norton (US 6,411,621).

Without conceding the examiner's position, claims 1, 7, 14, 21 26, 31-34 have been cancelled, and claims 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 13, 17-20, 24, 25, 29, 30, 35, 38, 39, and 40 have been amended to depend on patentable claims.

4 . **Claims 2, 3, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 27, 28, 36, and 37 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.**

The applicant thanks the examiner for indicating allowance of these claims. Claims 2, 8, 15, 22, 27, and 36 have been rewritten in independent form. Claims 3, 9, 16, 23, 28, and 37 have been amended to depend on patentable claims.

Canceled claims have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

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